

# AMERICAN DEBATE BEGINS ON REPARATIONS

**Pending Adjustment of the Dispute Between London and Paris, There is Little Probability of Any American Loan to Germany—Nothing Can Be Done for Cancellation of French War Debt to the United States in Advance of a Reparations Agreement—It is Expected That the United States Will Participate in Some Form at the Council of Premiers in Paris, January 2—J. P. Morgan Says No Loan to Germany Until Reparations Question is Settled.**

Washington, Dec. 18.—Adjustment of the reparations dispute between London and Paris is the crux of the European tangle, in the American viewpoint, as stated here today on competent authority. Talk of any American loan to Germany was described as "idle" until such an adjustment had been made.

It was also made clear that the question of allied war debts to the United States is not viewed in Washington as involved in the Anglo-French differences as to the amount of Germany's reparations. This official spokesman refused to go into outlining what the Washington government had in mind.

There was no question as to the purpose of progress of informal discussions with allied leaders which have been indicated both here and abroad to be under way. No answer was returned to inquiries as to whether Germany had again sought American intervention in the reparations difficulty.

With the field of speculation thus narrowed, however, it was evident in unofficial talk today that administration hopes that American influence can aid in the European situation, were quite generally believed to be based on possibilities that may be seen of bringing British and French into harmony as to Germany's present economic plight and capacity to pay.

Since time lacks for any lengthy process of examination on that point before the expiration of the memorandum January 13, there was a tendency to believe that the Washington government had some hope of causing at least a delay in definite action by France over that to be pending further light from recognized expert authorities.

In this connection it is known that in some diplomatic quarters an impression prevails that American participation in some form when the council of premiers resumes its sessions in Paris, January 2, is to be expected. The expectation appears to be based on the conclusion that the council meeting would afford natural and logical opportunity for a statement of American views, and that such a statement might conceivably tend to bring the British and French to a better understanding of reparations.

Presumably Germany is not only willing, but anxious that the Washington government join in the discussion of reparations. It was indicated in Paris and London this month before the council of premiers met, that an American representative to sit with the premiers officially or unofficially would be acceptable.

This background and such additional favorable attitude as recent Washington "leakage" has indicated may have developed presumably leave the road open for American representation at Paris after the year end, if the Washington government feels that good can be accomplished in this way.

So far as various proposals, both British and French, for cancellation of the French war debt to the United States, and a reparations adjustment preliminary is concerned, the attitude here is that nothing can be done in that connection, certainly no advance of a reparations agreement, with the question of a private loan by American bankers to Germany, an agreed basis as to what the present German economic position may be, and that whatever steps it may seem advisable to take to correct that position.

The natural reply of France to overtures from across the Atlantic, it has been pointed out, is to insist on a favorable adjustment of the French debt to the United States, if not complete cancellation, or to retaliate that, lacking the former, the latter may be with the question of a private loan by American bankers to Germany, an agreed basis as to what the present German economic position may be, and that whatever steps it may seem advisable to take to correct that position.

## CABLED PARAGRAPHS

**Danish Steamship Arrived.**  
Ronne, Island, Bornholm, Dec. 18 (By the A. P.)—The Danish steamship *Littorina*, which went aground on this island, has been re-loaded and is proceeding to Danzig.

**Incident in Dublin.**  
London, Dec. 18.—The Dublin residence of Gordon I. Campbell, son of Baron Campbell, chairman of the Free State senate, was entered late tonight by armed men, says a dispatch to the Times from Dublin. The inmates were ordered to leave the building, which was set on fire. The interior was practically destroyed.

**Bernhardt Halting Attack.**  
Paris, Dec. 18.—(By The A. P.)—Sarah Bernhardt had a fainting attack at the close of the last rehearsal this afternoon of Sacha Guitry's new play, "Un De Rome" which was to have been produced tonight with Bernhardt in the role of the principal parts. By reason of her indisposition the production was postponed. The physicians who attended Mme. Bernhardt said tonight that her indisposition was in no way serious. She, after resting for a time, she escaped a determination to go back to the theatre and produce the piece as planned, and was only dissuaded with great difficulty by her friends.

**GERMAN MECHANICS IN EMPLOY OF N. H. ROAD PLACED UNDER ARREST**  
Hartford, Dec. 18.—Three German mechanics who have been employed at the North Hartford yards of the "New Haven" road, and who strike-breakers have claimed are strike-breakers, were arrested tonight by Immigration Inspectors Hurley and Clark of Providence, R. I., on charges of violating immigration laws.

Their arrest, it is reported here, is a result of an investigation recently instituted by Secretary of Labor Davis, of alleged German espionage activities in the country. The men, Fritz Unger, George Zanonan, and Juanin Glick, are being held at the Hartford police station pending further federal action.

**MRS. MADELINE M. GRON TO CHANGE NAME TO GREEN**  
Portland, Me., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Madeline M. Gron, of Portland, formerly of Chicago, N. H., who was granted an absolute divorce from Nels Gron, Danish diplomat, in the superior court here, today changed her name to "Green," she announced tonight. The Anglicized form of the name was assumed by Mrs. Gron when she came here to meet her obligations in the adopted, she said, to conceal her identity.

Gron, testifying at the trial, said that the use of the name "Junior Gron" during their nine year old son in letters to his father was the final mark of disrespect. Gron testified that the boy was the chief cause of the estrangement, and was awarded to the mother.

In expressing his satisfaction with the findings of Judge Lauren M. Sabin, which include the restriction that she and her son must live in this city at least nine months of each year, Mrs. Gron said that she had been granted freedom of the prospect of regaining her American citizenship. On her marriage to Gron 10 years ago she became a Danish subject.

No right of appeal was desired by Gron's attorney.

Mrs. Gron is a sister of Edgar Lee Masters, the poet, brought to the grounds of cruel and abusive treatment. She is a sculptress.

**TWO YOUTHS CONFERRED**  
WRECKING OF A TRAIN  
St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 18.—Alvin Marion Clark of Easton, Mo., and William Kramer, both 13 years old, were arrested today and confessed, according to the police, to wrecking Chicago, Burlington and Quincy passenger train No. 16, east of Saxton, last Tuesday night. The train was derailed when a rail was removed and seven coaches and the engine left the track. Only two or three persons were slightly injured.

The boys planned to rush in after the derailed and rob the mail car, they said. They expected that the train would stop at Saxton, where they would meet with the trainmen and the baggage and mail cars would be killed or badly hurt and that they would meet with no opposition.

When this failed to materialize, they returned to St. Joseph, they said, where they have been since.

## Providence Express Had Been Marooned Derailed at Hyde Park

**Iron Fence Held Cars Upright—Seven Persons Were Injured.**

Boston, Dec. 18.—Seven persons were injured, several seriously, when the Providence express of the New York, New Haven and Hartford road was derailed at Hyde Park station late today. Miss Josephine Hadisch, of New Britain, N. J., a passenger, and Fireman Joseph A. Dugan, of Providence, suffered the most serious injuries.

The locomotive and tender derailed over, but the ten passenger cars were held almost upright by the iron fence at the side of the track against which they crashed.

Miss Hadisch escaped instant death by a hail of bricks as the cars plunged from the track a section of rail was torn from its place and pierced the side of a coach, pinning the girl to her seat on the other side of the car. When the train came to a stop, the girl had fastened herself in the woodwork of the car wall, and it was touching Miss Hadisch forehead. At a Boston hospital tonight it was said her injuries might prove fatal.

Railroad officials could not explain the derauling, which occurred about eight miles east of the South station, where the train left at 4:44 o'clock. Passengers said that the cars bumped heavily several times before the final wreck, which was caused by a section of track to buckle. The track was torn up at 10 feet, and tonight trains were being routed by the Midland division to the railroad.

Engineer William Snukay and Fireman McLaughlin went over with the locomotive, which was derailed by a large, heavy McLaughlin with his leg broken.

A heavy metal fence beside the tracks kept the passenger coaches from toppling and the passengers while many of them were cut and bruised, suffered no serious injuries.

**PROHIBITION INFORMALLY DISCUSSED AT WHITE HOUSE**  
Washington, Dec. 18.—Problems of prohibition enforcement were discussed informally today at a White House conference between President Harding, Secretary Mellon, and other cabinet members and governors of fourteen states.

It was indicated that the discussion revolved almost entirely upon the question of how the states could best cooperate with the federal government in executing the terms of the prohibition amendment. It was hinted that another conference between President Harding, Secretary Mellon, and other cabinet members and governors of fourteen states, would be held in the coming year to discuss the subject more thoroughly.

At the White House luncheon, in addition to the president, Vice President Coolidge, Attorney General Daugherty, Secretary Mellon, Postmaster Clegg, Commissioner of Customs, and others, were present.

The discussion was held in the high seas, but was broken back by a gale. Those aboard the *Reliance* included 23 passengers.

**FOUR PERISHED IN WRECK OF THE TUG RELIANCE**  
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 18.—Four persons lost their lives when the tug *Reliance* was wrecked on the shore of Lake Superior last Wednesday night. It was learned tonight. A wireless message from the tug *Gray* which was on board the *Reliance*, said all had been accounted for except the four, who were swept from the deck by the waves and never seen again.

The *Reliance* was on her way to launch lifeboats in the high seas, but was broken back by a gale. Those aboard the *Reliance* included 23 passengers.

## BRIEF TELEGRAMS

From three to 12 inches of snow covers New York state.

King George has definitely announced his intention of fitting out the famous yacht *Britannia* for racing next year.

Robbers held up Barnett Thilinger, a collector for the Greenpoint National bank, Brooklyn, and escaped with a bag said to contain \$12,000.

Henry Ford is supplying financial assistance to Hitler's "gray shirt" Bavarian Fascist, according to a dispatch from Munich to the Berlin Tagblatt.

President Xaraz of Cuba signed the official call for bids on the \$50,000,000 loan recently authorized by congress. The bids will be opened January 12.

Funeral services for William S. Beech, well known manufacturer and public official, who died at his home in New Haven, will be held today.

J. B. Potter, of Bridgeport, traction manager there, in a bankruptcy petition gave his debts at \$7,375 and his assets at \$23,258.

Directors of the Travelers Insurance company of Hartford, declared a regular quarterly dividend of 4 per cent, and an extra dividend of 16 per cent.

Mrs. Elias Michael and Mrs. Edwin H. Steedman are the first St. Louis women to be elected to the directorate of a national bank.

The board of trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, yesterday accepted the resignation of Major General Leonard Wood as head of the institution.

Hope is expressed in French official circles that the Lausanne conference will finish its work in time for the signing of a treaty of peace between Turkey and Greece before Christmas.

Dr. Stanley H. Osborn, commissioner of education, in referring to the discovery of a new class of emeralds in Bridgeport, said it showed that the district still existed.

Maine had its first real snow storm of the winter Sunday, 5-13 inches falling in the neighborhood of Portland, where a blanket of four inches already covered the ground.

Prosecutor Joseph G. Woods issued a warrant for the arrest of Frank G. O'Brien, a former police officer, who was in New Britain on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

John J. Durkin, of New York, a brakeman employed by the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad was instantly killed in the East Bridgeport railroad yards.

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a priest, given by the Rev. Fr. W. P. Kennedy, pastor of St. Peter's church in New Haven.

Another negro died at the Southern Pacific hospital, Houston, Texas, bringing the toll of the wreck on the Houston East and West Texas railway at Humble, last Wednesday night to 21.

Edmund de Alveira braved the risk of arrest and narrowly escaped it when he attended a morning mass in the fashionable Catholic university church in St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, according to the London Daily Express.

Five shoplifting cases were before Judge Estlin in police court at Hartford, yesterday afternoon. The defendants, Mary W. Kennedy, of Portland, pleaded guilty to theft of goods from four stores. She was sentenced to jail for five days.

Jonathan Kno, prohibition enforcement agent for Connecticut, has been ordered to return to his home in New Britain, where he is a member of the *Reliance*'s crew and Regan was a forester.

The United States bureau of fisheries recently deported 1,500 drift bottles in the waters along the North Atlantic coast in an effort to get data in regard to ocean currents to be used in studying the movement of fishes.

The dress and morals of the women of today were censured by Mrs. Grant Forsythe in the president's address at the annual convention at Sydney, N. S. W., of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

# ASTOUNDING HOLD-UP AT DOORSTEP OF DENVER MINT

**Masked Bandits Escaped With \$200,000 in Currency of \$5 Denomination—The Most Sensational Hold-Up Ever Executed in Colorado—Money, Fully Insured, Was the Property of the Denver Federal Reserve Bank—One Federal Reserve Guard Was Fatally Wounded—One of the Bandits Was Reported to be Bleeding Profusely—Every Highway in the State is Guarded and Federal Officers are in Pursuit of the Bandits.**

Denver, Col., Dec. 18.—Masked bandits, armed with sawed-off shotguns, today fatally wounded Charles Linton, guard of the Denver branch of the Kansas City Federal Reserve bank, stole \$200,000 in currency of \$5 denomination at the doorstep of the government mint, and escaped.

The robbery occupied less than a minute. Tonight every highway in the state is guarded and police and federal authorities have dispatched armed squads in pursuit of an automobile occupied by seven men who were seen speeding northward shortly after the robbery. One of the occupants was reported to be bleeding profusely.

The robbery occurred while the money was being transferred from the mint to a federal reserve delivery truck. Fifty packages of currency of \$5 denomination each were seized by the robbers. Witnesses differ as to the number of men participating in the hold-up.

Denver police declared it was the most sensational hold-up ever executed in Colorado. With sawed-off shotguns two or the bandits bombarded the front door of the mint as they leaped from their automobile.

Fifty mint employees, summoned by an alarm bell, heard shotguns and rushed to the door, where they saw the robbers. One of the men who returned the fire and calmly loaded the fifty packages of currency into their own car.

The four men of the crew transferring the funds were walking toward their machine at the curb when the car containing the bundles drove up alongside of the mint delivery truck. Two or three men carrying guns leaped from the car and with a shout of "hands up!" opened fire on the reserve bank employees. Guards in the mint were ordered to open fire then rushed out upon the steps of the government building to shoot at the robbers.

Linton tried to throw the money into the gridded compartment of the reserve bank truck. It was seen to be quickly, though it seemed a long time.

So terrific was the gunfire during the episode that forty bullet holes can be counted in the transoms above the main entrance to the mint and in the windows of the second story building. The grade walls of the government building likewise are chipped.

Scenes across the street show the intensity of the fire of the gunners. Windows in various stores and apartment houses were riddled and many narrow escapes by those living inside were reported.

"I had just come out of the mint with a sack full of currency when the bandits saw me drive up beside our truck," said William Havens, driver of the federal reserve truck. "I heard somebody say 'hands up!' and then there was shooting. I drove under my car to escape the bullet holes. It was a very close call, though it seemed a long time."

Stock brokers failed for several million dollars. New York, Dec. 18.—Failure of Honiton, Philb and Company, one of the largest stock houses in New York, today was followed by a marked falling off in the market, and a rather heavy selling of all stocks. It was estimated that the company failed for several millions, although no statement were given out here either as to the amount of the cause for the trouble.

Prohibition has created big demand for flasks. New York, Dec. 18.—If the Christmas run fleet reported to be bound for New York from the Bahamas succeeds in running the blockade, the New York market should find New Yorkers amply supplied with receptacles for toting the forbidden liquor.

Manufacturers declared today that the demand for flasks had tripled since the advent of prohibition. Shop windows with their Christmas decorations were blighted and destroyed by the "wet" days brought shower after shower.

Stores are selling thousands of flasks. The demand for money containers and small ones gracefully curved for the less expensive containers of silver and gold and cheaper ones covered with imitation "wax."

Flasks are not the only drinking apparatus on display. Shown in abundance are hollow cans, decanters, glasses never known for milk, and elaborate cocktail makers.

Would hold N. H. Road responsible for wrecks. New Haven, Dec. 18.—J. D. Haggart, who says he was employed for twenty-six years by the New Haven railroad today stated that he had sent to the public utility commission a petition asking that body "to hold the executives of the New Haven railroad responsible for the deaths and destruction of railroad property," which Mr. Haggart says are likely to occur through continued operations.

Accompanying the petition is a statement as to the petitioner's belief of what is the present condition of the railroad, and he asks the commission to request the directors to appoint new executives.

Trans-Atlantic tests of radio relay league. Hartford, Dec. 18.—Approximately 120 individual amateur radio stations have been heard by European amateurs during trans-Atlantic tests of the American Radio Relay League, which began yesterday. It was announced at league headquarters here today. The majority of the stations are located in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Maine.

No decision reached on the Turkish straits. Lausanne, Dec. 18.—(By The A. P.)—The sub-committee of the Near East conference which is considering the various system of regulation of the Turkish straits adjourned late this afternoon until tomorrow without having reached any decision.